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VOTES, VOTES, WHO GOT THE VOTES? -- AN EDITORIAL

"The policy adopted by the Election Committee is that in the future they will post the ballot count, however the original policy not to post the votes was formulated as a protection of the candidates and holds true for the past election." Jeanette Koolhaas

Chairman

The first ASB election is over and the winners are known; but their victories remain clouded. We don't mean to imply that the conduct of the election, or of the ballot-counters, was less than straightforward. The fact remains that the Election Committee refuses to publicize the number of votes counted for each candidate.

When pressed for a reason for this stand, Miss Koolhaas insisted that the committee didn't want to embarrass the losing candidates by the revelation. We assured her that we intended to work no embarrassment to anyone, and outlined a quite reasonable plan for publishing the winning majorities without pointing out the margins in any but closely-contested races. At that she said that compiling ballot counts for publication would require recounting the ballots. We submit that adequate records of the count should exist; and if they don't exist, a recount is called for to provide such records.

The Election Committee naturally wants to prevent embarrassment to a few candidates, and by this action is exposing all candidates, itself and the college as a whole to the embarrassment of suspicion. We aren't saying the suspicion has foundation. We are saying the suspicion is born of the Election Committee's refusal to take the logical steps to dispell it: full, open publication, without the dread of full disclosure which is now recommended by untimely secrecy.

ER

STUDENT BODY FEE ELECTION

The most important election for the students of this college might well be the Assessment of the Student Body Fee election on February 15. The primary purpose of the fee is to enhance the cultural aspects of the college. Among the factors to be financed by the fees are assorted cultural events, guest speakers, newspaper, insurance policy, a typewriter for the paper and student business, stationery, a filing cabinet, and, soon, an annual.

The fee will be set at \$6.50 per term for full-time students (\$3.00 for 6 units or less), and if a student attends three consecutive terms the summer term will be free. Also a fee (\$3.00) will be assessed for the summer term if not a consecutive fourth term.

The importance of this election cannot be overemphasized. It's up to you, the students, to vote, because this election requires the ratification of a 2/3 majority of the voters. LL
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IRATE READER PROTESTS LIBRARY CHITCHAT

Dear Editor: "Silence is golden." Or at least that's what I've heard. Unfortunately, many groups of students think that the library is the ideal place for a social hour without any consideration for those who are diligently trying to cram those useful bits of knowledge into their already reeling brains. I realize the limitations on campus as far as relaxation areas are concerned, but please SHHH! We're trying to study. If you want to chat go to the coffee shop!

C. Peterson

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STUDENT BODY FEE ELECTION (Continued)

The following information is required to be published before a fee election. Although it may duplicate some of the above, it will also help to clarify the issue:

On February 15, 1966, the Student Body will vote whether or not to accept the payment of a Student Body Activities fee.

The form of the ballot will be: "Shall a membership fee in the Student Body Organization of California State College at San Bernardino be fixed which shall be required of all regular, limited, and summer session students enrolled in the State College?"

Yes _____ No _____

(The voter shall mark a cross after the answer he wishes to give.)"

The polls in the foyer of the Library Building shall be open from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., and from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. on the above date.

If two-thirds of the votes cast are affirmative, the Associated Student Body will recommend to the Chancellor that fees be set as follows:

Regular Students (more than 6 units): \$6.50 each quarter (Fall, Winter and Spring)

Part-Time Students (6 or less units): \$3.00 each quarter (Fall, Winter and Spring)

Summer Session Students: \$3.00 each six-week session.

Full-time students in prior continuous attendance Fall, Winter and Spring quarters will not be required to pay the \$3.00 Summer Session fee.

Dr. Robert R. Harrison	Miss Jeanette Koolhaas
Advisor, Election Committee	Chairman, Election Committee

ON BEHALF OF the Election Committee I would like to thank all those who helped make our first election a success, especially Sean Fisk, Mrs. Moffett, faculty supervisors, the staff of the physical plant, Dr. Harrison, candidates, voters, and many others. I would personally like to thank the other members of my committee for their tremendous assistance.

Jeanette Koolhaas
Election Committee Chairman

READER BLASTS "BROWN" CRITICS

Dear Editor: Recently published in THE SAGE was an article by one who reflects an adverse attitude toward incorporating the brownish tinge of our surroundings into our school colors. He also pointed out that "this campus is far from beautiful", but rather "three quickly constructed buildings placed in a sage-covered out-ash plain of naked sterility."

It is hard to believe these three buildings were quickly built and arbitrarily placed in this setting; they were an integral part of years of planning as was related to us at the start.

To some the campus may appear drab and unlovely. This will come to mind each time you trip over a pipe, jump a trench, or get a mouthful of dirt which the wind so graciously deposits with you. These things will undoubtedly be present for the whole of our college terms as our campus experiences growth pains.

It appears that one of the attributes of the F.C. chairman is not foresightedness, else he could see the growing beauty of the college. Consider the ugly duckling, who was at first indeed unlovely, yet matured into a beautiful swan. To judge the campus now would be like judging the little duckling without looking to the swan!

Our setting between mountains and hills is beautiful even now, yet in the near future, even more so as greenery is planted and we raise our heads higher above the plain. The brown color of the setting will ever be with us; we will remain an integral part of it even as we mature, and yet be in beautiful contrast to it. The brown sage-covered plain has a lovely, quiet simplicity which enhances the beauty of our college community, and will continue to be as appropriate to the mature campus as it is to the campus now. Sandra Cooley

PROTESTANT CLUB BORN

CALENDAR

Did you hear a lusty cry last Friday afternoon? You should have, for a livewire club was born on campus. Fifteen Protestants were present for the happy event. Ideas flew in an impromptu conversation regarding the kind of group which might be meaningful. During the brainstorming session it ~~was~~ decided to include all Protestants of whatever persuasion. The possible tendency toward a structured, formal type of group ~~was~~ rejected.

Next step? The group will meet again for coffee at the club's christening party on Friday, Feb. 4, at 2:30 p.m. Individuals interested in the club are invited to attend.

Tentative plans are to go on Wednesday, Feb. 9, to University Theatre at U.C.R. to hear Will Herberg lecture on "Existentialism, Religious and Atheistic." There will be no admission fee. Herberg is Professor of Judaic Studies and Social Philosophy at Drew University. In the mid-40's he turned from an active career in the labor movement to Biblical studies in general and Jewish religion in particular. He is the author of the widely-read Protestant, Catholic, Jew: An Essay in American Religious Sociology.

Future possibilities could be attendance at the Claremont foreign films, Los Angeles plays, concerts, invited guests on campus, and following each activity, conversation around a fire and lots of coffee.

Dr. Robert Ross has kindly consented to be faculty advisor -- godfather might be an appropriate title.

All students interested in Christian fellowship are invited to the second organizational meeting Friday in Room C-108. Present plans will be submitted to those attending for approval. The baby needs help to grow.

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Wesleyan Club meets Mondays, 7 p.m., Room C-108.

Drama Club meets Mondays, 7 p.m., Room C-116.

College Chorus meets every Tuesday at 4 p.m. and Thursday at 1:30 p.m., Room C-116.

Theta Mu Omega (Men's Service Club) meets Tuesdays at 7 p.m., Room C-116.

Communique Staff meets Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m., Room L-147.

Election Committee meets Tuesday, Feb. 8, at 10:30 a.m., Room L-143.

Young Democrats meet Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m. Room C-108.

Women's Service Club meets Wednesdays at 12:30 p.m., Room L-149.

Newman Club meets Wednesdays at 7 p.m., Room C-110.

Student Affairs Committee meets Thursdays at 2:30 p.m.,

Young Republicans meet Thursdays at 1:30 p.m., Room L-145.

Protestant Society meets Friday, Feb. 4, at 2:30 p.m., Room C-108.

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